1 The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT SEATTLE 10 NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES, 11 Case No. 2:21-cv-1637-BJR Plaintiff, 12 **JOINT STATUS REPORT** v. 13 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL 14 PROTECTION AGENCY, et al. 15 Defendants. 16 17 The Parties to the above-referenced lawsuit regarding the development of Total 18 Maximum Daily Loads for certain types of water pollution in portions of Puget Sound hereby 19 file this status report regarding their ongoing settlement discussions, pursuant to this Court's 20 September 9, 2022 order. In addition to ordering this status report, the Court's September 9 21 docket entry administratively closed the case, subject to re-opening should the Parties notify the 22 Court they cannot reach a settlement. 23 The Parties report that their settlement discussions continue to progress, and that they 24 plan to continue their efforts to reach a negotiated resolution of this case. Accordingly, no action 25 is required by the Court and this matter should remain administratively closed until such time 26 that the Parties notify the Court they cannot reach a settlement. 27

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